

classes XI and XII in a CBSE affiliated school which charges tuition fee of not more than Rs. 1000 per month during the academic year 2005-06.

Central status to Barkatullah University

†614. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Madhya Pradesh has forwarded a proposal to the Centre in the year 2004 for granting of the status of Central University to Barkatullah University, Bhopal;

(b) if so, whether the said university has been granted the status of Central University; and

(c) if not, by when the said university is likely to be accorded the status of a Central University?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Since the present policy is to consolidate facilities in the existing Central Universities, the proposal has not been agreed to.

KGBVs in the country

615. KUMARI NIRMALA DESHPANDE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas in the country;

(b) the time-frame for establishing such vidyalayas in every low female literacy block; and

(c) the role of voluntary institutions in this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) 2077 Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs) have been sanctioned in educationally backward blocks where the female literacy is below the national average and where the gender gap is above the national level. The scheme

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encourages involvement of NGOs, including not for profit organizations in the management of KGBV schools.

Vocational education to women

616. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any policy for providing vocational education to the women on free of cost basis in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) This Ministry has not formulated any such policy.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya Scheme

617. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have launched a new scheme called Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya in the country;

(b) if so, State-wise/district-wise details of such Vidyalayas being set up in the country;

(c) the State-wise details of financial allocation sanctioned and actually released by Government for setting up of KGBV in the country during the current year; and

(d) the time by when the above Vidyalayas in the country are likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (d) The Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV) scheme was launched by the Government of India in July, 2004, 2077 KGBV schools have been sanctioned till date.